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SUBJ: UNFDAC IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: A. GENEVA 9332, B. STATE 282780

1. EMBASSY KABUL GRATEFUL FOR PERSPECTIVES CONTAINED IN REF A. SO-CALLED FOREIGN MINISTRY (MFA) POSITION CITED BY DAVIES MAY REPRESENT VIEWS OF YAHYA MAARUFI WHO IS MFA'S LEADING PROPONENT OF LARGE-SCALE, CONSORTIUM-TYPE APPROACH TO BADAQSHAN. WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THIS VIEW PREVAILS THROUGHOUT OFFICES WHICH HAVE ACTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

2. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO US THAT MAGNITUDE OF BADAQSHAN DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ARE SUCH THAT AFGHAN DEVELOPMENT PLANNERS (PARTICULARLY MINISTRY OF PLANNING) SHOULD TAKE LEAD IN LAYING OUT TOTAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND FINANCING. IN THIS COMPLEX APPROACH, PROBLEM OF OPIUM CULTIVATION AND ADDICTION MUST BE ADDRESSED AS INTEGRAL TO NEEDS OF PROVINCE, AND THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITY FOR UFDAC PARTICIPATION AND INPUT. WHAT WE HOPE CAN BE AVOIDED IS NOTION THAT UNFDAC SHOULD TAKE LEADING ROLE IN WHAT MUST BE COORDINATED EFFORT BY MINISTRY OF PLANNING ASSISTED BY UNDP, PLUS INDIVIDUAL AID DONORS AND MULTILATERAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS. THIS APPEARS TO US
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ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF STATE 276364.

3. AT REVIEW MENTIONED REF B, KABUL EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE,
WE HOPE, WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THOROUGH
DISCUSSION OF SITUATION TO BE SURE USG AND UN ON SAME
WAVELENGTH WITH REGARD STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN IN GENERAL
AND BADAKSHAN IN PARTICULAR.

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